

Central Region Homeland Security Strategy

Purpose The Central Region Homeland Security Strategy provides direction for enhancing regional capability and capacity to prevent terrorist attacks within the Region; reduce the Region's vulnerability to terrorism and all other critical hazards; minimize the damage and recover from terrorism and all other critical hazards that affect the safety, well-being, and economic security of the citizens and residents of the Region.

The Central Region Homeland Security Strategy draws guiding principles and objectives from *Securing Arizona, A Roadmap for Arizona Homeland Security*. *Securing Arizona* published by Governor Napolitano and the State Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS) published by the Arizona Office of Homeland Security.

Goals

1. **Bolster response and recovery capabilities and protect emergency responders**
2. Enhance and maintain assessment and detection capabilities
3. Create secure intelligence and information sharing systems and networks
4. Provide for regional interoperability and support

Objectives Objectives support the SHSS goals, address threat and vulnerability and work towards enhancing capabilities. Implementation steps outline the necessary course of action to meet the objectives.

- **Ensure all first responders are equipped with PPE.**
- **Support first responder achievement of Regional baseline capability**
- Improve and enhance communication interoperability employing standardized state of the art equipment.
- Conduct threat/vulnerability/risk assessments.
- Integrate into a coordinated federal/state/regional system for the collection, analysis and dissemination of intelligence and information.
- Foster and support regional collaboration.
- Enhance training for prevention of, response to and recovery from terrorism.
- Implement federal and state standards for hardening public and private key assets and critical infrastructure.
- Incorporate private sector.
- Use emerging technologies and expertise.
- Review protocols to treat disease outbreak and biological or chemical weapons attacks on population and agriculture.
- Develop and improve regional plans and procedures.
- Support exercises that advance state and regional strategies.
- Improve awareness and security on Interstate 10, 17 and railways.

Process **Risk, Vulnerability and Threat Assessment** – An independent and standardized threat and vulnerability based risk assessment will be implemented throughout the

state in order to assess reliable data on potential threat elements and vulnerable key assets and critical infrastructure. Assessment data will be the basis for regional homeland security jurisdiction boundaries within the State of Arizona.

Capability Assessment – A thorough evaluation of existing capabilities to detect and prevent threat, protect infrastructure and to respond and recover from an emergency or disaster will be employed to identify shortfalls that need to be addressed.

Implementation Plan – Action items will be coupled with lead and support entities for implementation and assigned timelines for completion.